

# New Hope Youth Mission Trip to Panama

Purpose : Children's Ministry / VBS

When: Jul 7 - 19, 2022

## Summary

This is the annual mission trip to Panama sponsored by the New Hope SDA Church in Fulton, Maryland. It is a trip primarily for high school students although we do have some college age students that attend. We will be working in the Chiriqui province at the Ismael Ellis SDA School doing a variety of projects.

## Projects

1. Finish construction of church building
2. Various projects at the Ismael Ellis School
3. Vacation Bible School

## Lodging & Food

We will be lodging at the Las Lajas Beach Resort. All meals will either be there or at the Ismael Ellis School

## Health Notes

All participants must be vaccinated.

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Where	When	Type	Purpose	Target Age	Skills
Panama	Jul 7 - 19, 2022	Mission/Service	Children's Ministry / VBS		
Cost	People Needed	Participants	Target Age	Skills	
\$1,500.00	1 - 10	Total: 30 (Denominational Employees: 5, Other: 25)	Target Age: Any	Skills: Any	

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**Registration** Closed

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**Visiting** N/A  
**World Divisions** Inter-American Division  
**Host Contact**

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## Travel Advisory

### Panama

**2** Exercise increased caution

***Reissued with obsolete COVID-19 page links removed.***

Exercise increased caution in Panama due to **crime**. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

**Do not travel to:**

- Parts of the Mosquito Gulf due to **crime**.
- Parts of the Darién Region due to **crime**.

Read the [country information page](#) for additional information on travel to Panama.

If you decide to travel to Panama:

- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for Panama.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) related to your travel.

### **Parts of the "Mosquito Gulf" – Level 4: Do Not Travel**

The "Mosquito Gulf" is an extremely remote and inaccessible area along part of the north (Caribbean) coast.

Do not travel within 10 miles of the coastline, from Boca de Rio, Chiriqui to Cocle del Norte. Drug trafficking and other illicit activities occur in this area.

The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in this region as U.S. government personnel must obtain prior approval before traveling there and face additional restrictions before such travel is approved.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).

### **Parts of the Darién Region – Level 4: Do Not Travel**

Do not travel to the following areas of the Darien:

- All areas south of Jaque to Manene to Yaviza to Lajas Blancas cities to the Colombian border
- The city of Lajas Blancas
- The city of El Salto

Criminal elements and drug and human trafficking networks operate in these areas. Police presence and emergency response are extremely limited.

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